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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Louis Rousseau )  
Int'l Appl. No. : PCT/FR97/01835 )  
Int'l Filing Date : October 15, 1997 )  
For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR )  
HEAT TREATMENT OF )  
WASTE PRODUCTS )  
Examiner : Unknown )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. national phase application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the Specification, after the Title of the Invention ending on line 1 and before the sentence on line 3 which begins, "The subject-matter...", please insert This is the U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application PCT/FR97/01835, filed October 15, 1997--.

A On page 5, line 5, please delete "kcal/Sm<sup>3</sup>" and substitute --kcal/Nm<sup>3</sup>-- in its place.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A [P]rocess for the heat treatment of waste, comprising:

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